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ANNUAL REPORT

ON THE

ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

IN THE

PROVINCE OF COORG,

for the year 1883,

BY

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WITH

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Chief Commissioner.

Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, (Judicial),—dated 17th November 1884.

READ—

Letter No. 53, dated 19th May 1884, from the Judicial Commissioner of Coorg, submitting the Annual Report on the Administration of Criminal Justice in the Province of Coorg for the year 1883.

No. 1064—254, DATED BANGALORE, 17TH NOVEMBER 1884.

ORDER THEREON.—*Review by the Chief Commissioner.*—The only change affecting the Criminal Courts of the Province during the year under review was the bestowal of magisterial powers on three more Parpattegars whereby the number of Courts was raised from 22 to 25.

2. The number of offences reported during the year was 2,015 or 262 more than in the previous year. Of these, 1,510 cases were retained as true and brought to trial. Two hundred and fourteen cases were struck off by the Magistrates as groundless under Section 203 of the Code of Criminal Procedure; but the Judicial Commissioner expresses the opinion that the large number of acquittals and discharges shows that the Magistrates are not so careful to fully exercise this power as they ought to be. Only 9 cases were left pending at the end of the year. The percentage of convictions to the number of persons tried was 45·74 as against 44·19 in 1882, and the average duration of the cases disposed of was reduced to two days from 3·6 in the previous year. The period of the detention of witnesses too was slightly decreased. All these results are satisfactory.

3. The number of cases of offences under special and local laws tried during the year was 488 or 140 more than in 1882. This considerable increase is due to the large number of prosecutions laid under the Breach of Contract Act XIII of 1859. The number of cases under this Act tried during the year was 392, involving 434 persons as against 250 cases involving 319 persons in 1882. Out of the 434 persons charged under the Act, 242 persons had orders passed by the Magistrates against them.

4. A few European and Native gentlemen were appointed Honorary Special Magistrates during the year with the powers of a Magistrate of the 2nd Class. The main object of the measured was to facilitate issue of processes and trials in breach of contract cases under Act XIII of 1859, and the Honorary Magistrates were to sit as Benches for such trials. They were not however specially invested with powers under that Act, and the Judicial Commissioner questioned the legality of their action when it was brought to his notice that some complaints of breach of contract had been entertained by them. The District Magistrate was also of opinion that cases of the kind would not be so well or so quickly disposed of by a Bench, as by the ordinary Stipendiary Magistrates. With regard to these opinions and to certain other difficulties which were apparent, the Chief Commissioner directed that it was not advisable to invest the Honorary Magistrates with powers under the Act.

Eleven European British subjects were tried during the year for petty offence such as criminal force, mischief by shooting cattle, &c. Of these, eight were convicted and three discharged. A statement showing the results of the trial of European British subjects, prepared in the form prescribed in letter from the Government of India, Home Department No. 12—666, dated 14th May 1884, is added to the statements appended to the report.

5. It is noticed that the District Magistrate and the 2nd Class Magistrates of the Mercara and Yadenalknad Taluks had large numbers of cases on their files during the year. The two named officers will have more time to devote to magisterial work in future, as they are being relieved of their civil judicial work.

6. There were 16 cases for disposal by the Sessions Court including one case pending from the preceding year. All these were disposed of during the year with the aid of Assessors. Of the 34 persons tried, 22 were convicted and sentenced by the Sessions Court and 12 acquitted. One person was sentenced to death, but he was released on appeal, and two were sentenced to transportation. The time taken up by the Sessions Judge for the disposal of each case was on the average 22 days.

7. The punishments inflicted by the several Courts in the Province are noted below :—

1 person was sentenced to death but released on appeal.			
2 persons were sentenced to transportation.			
167	"	"	to rigorous imprisonment.
30	"	"	to simple do.
678	"	"	to fine.
24	"	"	to whipping.

Of the 197 persons sentenced to imprisonment, 159 were imprisoned for terms not exceeding six months, 29 for terms varying from 6 months to 2 years, and 9 for terms varying from 2 to 7 years.

The details of persons sentenced to pay fines are given below :—

Persons fined Rs.	10 and under	..	..	545
"	" 50 and under	..	..	117
"	" 100 and under	..	..	10
"	" 500 and under	..	..	6

The above figures show that the greater number of punishments consisted of imprisonment not exceeding six months and fine not exceeding 10 Rs. It is observed that the number of sentences of whipping fell from 52 in 1882 to 24 in the year under review.

8. The amount of fines imposed was Rs. 7,840, out of which Rs. 1,564 were ordered to be paid as compensation. The amount realized was Rs. 6,372 including Rs. 137 recovered out of the arrears of previous years; and the compensation actually paid during the year was Rs. 875.

9. Forty-four appeals (being 8 per cent of the appealable cases) were filed in the lower Appellate Courts during the year. Forty-two were disposed of, leaving two pending at the close of the year. The sentences of the Original Courts were confirmed in 25 cases, reduced in 6 and reversed in 11. The average duration of each appeal was 8 days in the District Magistrate's Court and 7 days in the Court of Session.

10. In the Judicial Commissioner's Court, the number of appeals including one pending from the previous year, was 7. They were all disposed of during the year, the sentences appealed against being confirmed in 2 cases, reversed in 2 and reduced or modified in 3. The small proportion of sentences confirmed is remarkable. The average duration of each appeal was 18 days.

11. As a Court of Revision the Judicial Commissioner had 18 cases for disposal. Of these, he disposed of 16, confirming the sentence of the lower Court in 8 cases, reducing or modifying it in 2, and reversing it in 3, and ordering new trials or further proceedings in 3.

12. The total receipts of the Courts, Civil and Criminal, which amounted to Rs. 66,955, exceeded those of 1882 by nearly Rs. 1,000, and the expenditure, which amounted to Rs. 63,603, exceeded that of the preceding year by Rs. 7,841. The increase in expenditure is almost entirely due to the fact that the increased rates of pay given to the Taluk Subedars and Parpattegars and their establishments during the latter half of the year 1882 were drawn by them throughout the whole of the year under review. In accordance with past practice the whole pay of those officers and of the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners and their establishments has been shown on the expenditure side; but in point of fact the Commissioner, 2nd Assistant Commissioner and Subedars and Parpattegars are Revenue as well as Judicial officers; and not more at least than half their pay should be counted as a judicial charge.

13. The work of the Criminal Courts during the year appears to the Chief Commissioner satisfactory.

H. WYLIE, MAJOR,
Secretary.

To—The Commissioner of Coorg.
The District Magistrate of Coorg.

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I have the honor to submit the following report on the administration of Criminal Justice in Coorg during the year 1883.

2. The imperial statements which are forwarded with this report are the same as those submitted for 1882.

3. *Tribunals.*—There were 25 Criminal Courts during the year under review.

4. The Parpattegars' Courts were increased to 14 and the strength of the other Courts remained the same as last year.

5. *Receipts and Charges.*—The receipts and charges are returned as Rs. 66,955– 9—2, and Rs. 63,603—7—9 respectively.

6. The net profit to Government was Rs. 3,352—1—5.

7. No separation could be made in regard to the cost of Criminal Courts, as the presiding officers exercise civil, revenue and criminal powers.

8. The receipts are detailed below :—

	Rs.	As.	P
Court fees stamps	58,810	7	0
General stamp paper	1,940	0	0
Sale proceeds of unclaimed property ..	675	0	10
Miscellaneous fines	104	6	11
Magisterial fines	5,407	7	11
Cost of suits by paupers . ..	316	0	0
Stamp penalty	905	0	0
Do duty	62	14	0
Recovery of deficient stamp duty ..	39	15	0
Total ...	68,291	3	8
Less commission on stamps . ..	1,335	10	6
Net... ..	66,955	9	2

9. *Offences reported.*—The aggregate number of offences reported during the year was 2,015, as compared with 1,753 in the previous year.

10. The increase in the number of offences reported was 262.

11. The Commissioner attributes the increase to the inexperience of the newly entertained Police and the common habit among Coorgs of exaggerating their complaints so as to induce the Magistrate to entertain the complaint.

12. *Complaints rejected.*—Two hundred and fourteen cases were struck off without issue of process under Section 203, Criminal Procedure Code, Act XIV of 1882.

13. *Cases returned as true.*—The number of cases returned as true was 1,510, as against 1,441 in 1882.

14. The following table exhibits the classification of offences brought to trial:—

Year.	Against the State and Public Justice.	Against the person.	Against property.	Other offences under the Penal Code.	Offences under Special and Local Laws.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	
1883	70	461	301	181	488	1,501
1882	56	608	297	121	348	1,430
Increase.	14	...	4	60	140	218
Decrease	...	147	...	...	...	147
					Net increase.	71

15. From the above figures, it will be seen that there was an increase in the different classes of offences, except offences relating to the person, in which class of offences there was decrease of 147 cases.

16. The increase in offences under Local and Special Laws was 140, and was chiefly owing to several prosecutions laid under Act XIII of 1859.

17. *Giving false evidence.*—The number of cases tried for giving false evidence fell from 8 to 3 during the year 1883, and the accused, 3 persons, were convicted.

18. *Other offences against Public Justice.*—The number of cases brought to trial for offences against public justice was 16, and the persons involved were 16. Of these, 5 were acquitted and 11 were convicted.

19. *Offences affecting human life.*—Eight cases affecting human life were reported. 4 were struck off as false, and 4 were brought on for trial involving 10 persons. The results of the trial were as follows:—

20. In the Somavarpet murder case (Sessions Case No. 15 of 1883), five persons were concerned. One of the accused died, while under trial, in the jail. The 2nd accused in the above case was acquitted by the Sessions Judge, who considered that the evidence against him was far from conclusive and gave him the benefit of the doubt. The 1st, 3rd, and 4th accused who were convicted by the Sessions Judge were subsequently released by the Judicial Commissioner.

21. In sessions case No. 2 of 1883 the accused was charged with putting some poison in a toddy pot. As the evidence for the prosecution was contradictory in many points, and as it was proved that considerable enmity existed between the complainant and the accused, the Sessions Judge directed the accused to be acquitted and discharged.

22. In the 3rd sessions case the accused were charged with firing a gun at the complainant through the window of his sleeping room. The evidence adduced for the prosecution was unsatisfactory. As fierce animosity existed between the complainant and the accused, there was much reason to suspect that the charge was a fabricated one. The accused Somaiya was therefore acquitted by the Sessions Judge. The 2nd accused was discharged by the District Magistrate for want of sufficient evidence.

23. In sessions case No. 10 of 1883 the ccused was charged with the offence of causing the death of her new born child by exposing it to cold. As the evidence showed that the child's death was caused not by prisoner's wilful neglect, but by the inhuman treatment of her family in not giving her shelter and aid at the time of delivery, she was allowed the benefit of the doubt and discharged.

24. In criminal case No. 166 of 1883 on the file of the District Magistrate's Court the accused, a Muhammadan Hakim, was charged under Section 304A of the Indian Penal Code for causing the death of a child by administering certain pills to it. As the Chemical Examiner reported on analysis, that the pills were harmless in their composition, the accused was discharged under Section 253 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

25. *Grievous Hurt.*—Three cases were tried for grievous hurt, and the number of persons convicted was 3.

26. *Criminal Force and Assault.*—Three hundred and seventy-five cases involving 682 persons were brought to trial. Of these, 462 were acquitted or discharged, and 213 convicted. One died, and 6 were left pending trial at the close of the year.

27. The large number of discharges or acquittals is not creditable to the Magistracy concerned; it is feared that the Magistrates are not sufficiently alive to the importance of fully, and at the same time carefully exercising, the powers vested in them by Section 203, Criminal Procedure Code.

28. *Robbery and Dacoity.*—Twenty offences were reported. The District Magistrate explains that the newly appointed and inexperienced Police men have in several cases sent up the accused charged with these offences, whereas the charges were either false or merely petty thefts. Of the 20 cases, 11 were brought to trial, 19 persons were acquitted and 9 were convicted.

29. *Offences under Special and Local Laws.*—The offences under special and local laws were offences reported under Excise, Cattle Trespass Acts, &c., &c.

30. The total number of cases brought to trial under Act XIII of 1859 was 392, involving 434 persons, as compared with 250 cases involving 319 persons in 1882.

31. Two hundred and forty-two persons had orders passed against them and 192 persons were either discharged or the complaints against them were withdrawn. Ninety-six cases were tried under other special and local laws.

32. *Miscellaneous Proceedings under the Code of Criminal Procedure,* 1882.—There were 34 cases brought before the Courts during the year involving 55 persons, as against 24 cases affecting 46 persons in 1882.

33. The nature of the proceedings is detailed below:—

	Number of cases disposed of,		Number of persons concerned.		Number of persons discharged.		Number of persons convicted.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Frivolous or vexatious complaints summarily dealt with under Chapter XX, Section 250	16	30	32	51	32	...	...	51
Security for good behaviour under Chapter VIII	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	1
Proceedings against local nuisances, Chapter X	1	1	7	1	7	1	...	...
Maintenance, Chapter XXXVI ...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	2

34. *Compensation under Section* 250.—The amount of compensation granted in 30 cases was Rs. 228-8-0 as against Rs. 147-8-0 in 16 cases in the previous year.

35. The Magistrates are rather too ready to grant compensation even in cases where the defence is gone into. If a case is so manifestly vexatious and frivolous as to call for the granting of compensation, the nature of the complaint will generally be fully estimated by the evidence for the prosecution.

36. *Magistrates' Courts*.—Including 10 cases which were pending at the close of 1882, there were 1,509 cases brought to trial affecting 2,302 persons.

37. The persons brought to trial are detailed below:—

	No	Percentage
Under arrest by Police	429	.. 18·23
Upon warrant	819	.. 34·80
On summons	1,054	.. 44·8
By transfer	51	.. 2·16
	2,353	

38. *Results of Trials*.—Two thousand three hundred and two persons including 24 persons pending from last year were disposed of as follows:—

	1882.		1883	
	Persons.	Percentage.	Persons.	Percentage.
Died, escaped, &c.	3	0·13	5	0·22
Discharged or acquitted	1,242	54·44	1,203	52·61
Convicted — On regular trial	927	40 64	965	42·23
Convicted — On summary trial	81	3·55	80	3·51
Committed or referred	28	1·23	32	1·41
	2,281	...	2,285	...

39. It will be noticed from the figures given in the above table that the percentage of discharges and acquittals was 52·61, as against 54·44 in 1882, and the percentage of convictions was 45·74, as compared with 44·19 in the previous year.

40. The annexed table shows the distribution of work by Courts.—

	1882.	1883.		Increase	Decrease.
	Cases.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases	Cases.
Parpattegars	438	386	666	...	52
Subedars	495	627	968	132	...
Assistant Commissioner	1	12	12	11	...
District Magistrate	478	475	639	...	3
	1,412	...	2,285	...	...

41. The average number of cases disposed of by each Parpattegar was 27 57, and by each Subedar 78·37.

42. The files of the Subedars of the Yadenalknad and Mercara Taluks, and that of the District Magistrate were heavy.

43. The increase was specially in the Subedars' Courts.

44. *Honorary Magistrates.*—A mixed number of Europeans and Natives were appointed Special Magistrates with 2nd class powers during the year under review. Some complaints for breaches of contracts were entertained by them and processes issued. Their action was questioned by the Judicial Commissioner on the ground that they were not specially invested with powers under Act XIII of 1859. The Chief Commissioner decided that it was not advisable to invest these gentlemen with the said powers and they have of course ceased to exercise powers with which they were never legally invested.

45. *European British Subjects.*—Eleven European British subjects were tried for the offences of criminal force, mischief by shooting cattle, and other petty offences, as against 10 in the previous year. Of these, 7 were convicted and 4 discharged, and none of them waived the right of being tried as European British subjects.

46. *Witnesses.*—Four thousand one hundred and eighty-two witnesses were examined in the Magistrates' Courts. Of these, 4,118 were detained for 1 day and 64 for 2 days.

47. *Dieting Witnesses.*—The amount paid towards the dieting of witnesses was Rs. 16—12—0 in the Court of the Assistant Commissioner and 1st Class Magistrate.

48. *Pending Cases.*—Nine cases affecting 17 persons were pending at the end of the year, as against 10 cases and 24 persons in 1882.

49. *Average Duration of Trials.*—The average duration of each case was reduced from 3·6 days in 1882 to 2 days in the year under report.

50. *Court of Sessions.*—There were 16 cases for disposal (including 1 case pending from last year) affecting 34 persons.

51. There was a decrease of 2 cases, and an increase of 6 persons as compared with the figures of 1882.

52. Thirty-four persons brought to trial were disposed of as follows:—

	No.
Convicted and sentenced to death	1
Do do otherwise	21
Acquitted	12
	34

53. No cases were left pending at the close of the year.

54. The average duration of each case was 22 days.

55. *Use of Assessors.*—Sixteen cases were tried with the aid of Assessors. In 7 cases the Judge agreed with the Assessors.

56. He differed from one Assessor in 6 cases and from both in 3 cases.

57. *Witnesses.*—One hundred and two witnesses were examined, all of whom were discharged after attendance for one day.

58. *Punishments.*—The subjoined statement exhibits the sentences imposed on convicted persons in 1882 and 1883 by the several Courts in Coorg:—

	Number.		Percentage.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Death	...	1	...	0·11
Transportation	...	2	...	0·22
Imprisonment ... ... Rigorous	192	167	20·31	18·49
Imprisonment ... ... Simple	34	30	3·59	3·32
Fine ... ... With imprisonment ...	88	75	9·31	8 30
Fine ... ... Without imprisonment...	570	603	60·31	66·77
Whipping	52	24	5·50	2 65
Persons ordered to give security to keep the peace, &c. ...	8*	...	0·84	...
Persons imprisoned in default of giving security for good behaviour	1	1	0·10	0·11
	945	903	...	...

59. One person was sentenced to death, who was released on appeal. Two were sentenced to transportation.

60. *Terms of Imprisonment.*—One hundred and fifty-nine persons were sentenced to imprisonment for terms not exceeding 6 months.

61. Twenty-nine for terms varying from 6 months to 2 years.

62. Nine persons were sentenced by the Court of Sessions to imprisonment for terms varying from 2 to 7 years.

63. One hundred and sixty-seven persons were kept to rigorous imprisonment and 30 persons were sentenced to simple imprisonment.

64. No solitary confinement was awarded during the year.

65. The details of the persons punished with fines are exhibited below:—

Persons fined Rs. 10 and under	545
„ „ 50 and under	117
„ „ 100 and under	10
„ „ 500 and under	6
	678

66. Of the 678 persons fined, 75 persons were sentenced to imprisonment also.

67. *Whipping.*—There were 24 persons sentenced to be whipped as against 52 in 1882.

* Excludes 178 persons punished under Act XIII of 1859.

68. Seven were sentenced to receive 10 stripes and under.

69. Seven to 20 stripes and under, and 10 to 30 stripes and under.

70. *Whipping in lieu of other punishments.*—Fourteen were sentenced to whipping in lieu of other punishments for having committed the offence of theft under Section 379, Indian Penal Code, on 1st conviction.

71. *Whipping in addition to other punishment.*—Two were punished with whipping in addition to other punishments for the offence of theft under Section 379, Indian Penal Code.

72. *Juvenile offenders whipped.*—Of the 24 offenders whipped, 8 were juveniles who were flogged for the following offences on 1st conviction:—

Voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapon	..	..	1
Possession of an altered coin	..	..	1
Criminal breach of trust	..	..	1
House-breaking	..	..	5
			8

73. *Whipping compared with other punishment.*—The punishment of whipping awarded as compared with other punishments is shown in the annexed table:—

Punishments.	Number.
Total number of whippings awarded	24
Total number of other punishments	1,043
Percentage of whippings	2·24

74. *Fines.*—The total amount of fines imposed during the year was Rs. 7,840—2—3, and the amount realized was Rs. 6,372—8—4 including Rs. 137 recovered out of the arrears of previous years.

75. *Compensation.*—The amount of compensation ordered to be paid was Rs. 1,564—15—1, of which sum Rs. 875—9—10 was actually paid.

76. *Repayment of Court Fees.*—Rupees. 445 were ordered to be repaid to complainants under Section 31 of the Court Fees Act, the whole of which was recovered and paid.

77. *Appeals.*—There were 536 appealable cases, of which appeals were preferred only in 44 cases affecting 57 persons.

78. *Results of appeals.*—The results of appeals disposed of were as follows:—

	1882.		1883.	
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.
Sentences confirmed	25	37	25	34
„ reduced	1	3	6	6
„ reversed	13	16	11	15

79. Two cases affecting 2 persons were pending at the end of the year in the Court of the District Magistrate.

80. *Average duration of appeals.*—The average duration of appeals was 8 days in the Court of the District Magistrate, and 7 days in the Court of Sessions.

81. The Assistant Commissioner and 1st Class Magistrate disposed of only one appeal which was pending for 15 days.

82. *Judicial Commissioner's Court as High Court.*—Six appeals were preferred, in which 7 persons were concerned.

83. Including one appeal and 1 person pending from last year, there were 7 appeals affecting 8 persons for disposal.

84. They were disposed of as follows:—

	Cases.	Persons.
Sentences appealed against were confirmed ..	2	2
" " " reversed ..	2	3
" " reduced or otherwise altered ..	3	3
	7	8

85. The average duration of each appeal was 18 days.

86. *As a Court of Revision.*—Under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 4 cases were sent up by the Sessions Judge and 8 by the District Magistrate; 5 were called for by this Court and 1 petition for revision was presented by the party.

87. They were disposed of as detailed below:—

	Cases.	Persons.
Sentences or orders confirmed	8	9
" " reduced or otherwise altered ..	2	3
" " reversed	3	4
New trial or further proceedings ordered	3	3

88. Two cases were pending at the end of the year which have been since disposed of.

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BANGALORE,
19*th May* 1884.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT (CRIMINAL) No.

Statement showing the General Result of the Trial of European British Subjects in the District of Coorg in the year 1883.

Description of Offence.	Number of persons accused and brought before a Magistrate.								Persons whose Cases were disposed of—														Number of Cases						Subsidiary Table.							
		Within the year.							By District Magistrates and other 1st class Magistrates						By Courts of Session.			By High Court.			Total for all Courts.																
	Remaining at the close of the previous year.	On complaint, Section 191 (a), Criminal Procedure Code	On Police report, Section 191 (b) of the Code.	By Magistrate *suo motu*, Section 191 (c) of the Code.	On transfer from another Province.	Total.	Died, escaped or transferred to other Provinces.	Number actually brought to trial.	Received by transfer under Section 451 B of the Code.	Convicted.	Acquitted or discharged.	Committed. To Court of Session.	Committed. To High Court	Transferred by order under Section 451 B of the Code.	Total omitting entries in columns 10 and 15	Received by transfer under Section 451 B of the Code.	Convicted.	Acquitted or discharged.	Transferred to High Court under Section 449 of the Code.	Total exclusive of column 17.	Convicted	Acquitted.	Total.	Convicted	Acquitted or discharged.	Total	Number of persons under trial at the close of the year.	Brought to trial.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Number of persons who applied to the High Court for an order under Section 456 of the Code.	Of those entered in column 5 number who applied, Section 2, Act III of 1884, for transfer on committal of their cases.	Number of persons who applied to the High Court under Section 526 of the Code for the transfer of their cases.						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	3						36	
																																		Of the total number of Persons shown in—						Of cases shown in column 30.	
																																		Column 16.			Column 21.		Columns 21 and 24.	Disposed of by Magistrates.	Disposed of by Sessions Judges.
																																		Number who claimed to be tried by a mixed jury, section 451 A (1) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim	Number of those in column 35 (1) whose cases were transferred under section 451 B of the Code.	Number who claimed a mixed number of assessors, section 451, (2) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim	Number who claimed to be tried by a mixed jury, section 451 (1) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.		
Offences under Chapters VI to XV of the Indian Penal Code																Nil.																										
Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI — Offences against life	...	1	...	..	...	1	...	1	.	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	..	...	...								
Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI — Wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...								
Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI — Criminal force and assault	...	4	...	...	...	4	...	4	...	4	..	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	4	...	4	4	...	...	...	...								
Offences against property, Chapter XVII. — Mischief	...	4	...	...	...	4	...	4	...	3	1	...	..	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	4	...	4	4	...	...	...	...								
Offences under Chapters XVIII to XXII of the Indian Penal Code															Nil.																										
Offences under Special and Local Laws.	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	..	...	..								
																																		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
Total	...	11	...	...	...	11	...	11	..	8	3	...	..	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	3	11	..	11	11	...	...	...	..	...	11	...	...	...	...	11	...	...	...

JUDICIAL STATEMENT 2.—CRIMINAL.

Statement of Offences reported and of Persons tried, convicted and acquitted of each Class of Offence in the Province of Coorg in the year 1883.

Description of Offences.	Number of offences reported.	Number of cases returned as true	Number of cases brought to trial during the year.	Number of Persons—					Remarks.
				Under trial during the year, including pending from previous year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped or transferred to another Province.	Remaining under trial.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Offences against the State, Chapter VI of the Indian Penal Code	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	
Do relating to the Army and Navy, Chapter VII.	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	..	
Do against the public tranquility do VIII.	6	6	6	24	10	14	...	..	
Do by or relating to public servants do IX.	...	...	4	...	...	.	...	.	
Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants do X.	18	18	18	29	12	16	1	..	
False evidence and offences against public justice do XI	20	19	19	19	5	14	...	...	
Offences relating to coin and Government stamps do XII.	1	1	1	1	..	1	...	...	
Do relating to weights and measures do XIII	18	17	17	22	7	15	...	...	
Do affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals do XIV	9	9	9	41	2	39	...	..	
Do relating to religion do XV.	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	
Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI — Offences affecting life ...	8	4	4	10	6	3	1	...	
Causing of miscarriage injuries to unborn children, exposure of infant and the concealment of births ...	4	4	4	7	5	2	..	..	
Hurt	75	68	68	167	132	35	...	...	
Wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement. ...	...	..	.	...	..	..	...	.	
Criminal force and assault ...	438	377	377	682	462	213	1	6	
Kidnapping, forcible abduction, slavery and forced labor ...	11	9	9	14	11	3	..	...	
Rape ...	2	1	1	1	1	...	..	..	
Unnatural offences ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Offences against property, Chapter XVII. — Theft	219	170	170	268	145	113	1	9	
Extortion	3	.	..	..	...	.	...	...	
Robbery and dacoity .	20	11	11	28	19	9	...	...	
Criminal misappropriation of property. ..	12	9	9	10	7	3	..	...	
Criminal breach of trust ...	40	30	30	42	28	13	1	...	
Receiving of stolen property .	4	4	4	7	5	2	...	...	
Cheating ...	5	3	3	3	1	2	...	..	
Fraudulent deeds and disposition of property .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Mischief	107	63	63	36	52	34	...	...	
Criminal trespass ..	27	16	16	58	43	15	...	...	
Offences relating to documents and to trade or property marks, Chapter XVIII ..	6	6	56	11	1	9	...	1	
Criminal breach of contracts of service do XIX ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	
Offences relating to marriage do XX .	6	5	5	5	3	2	...	...	
Defamation ... do XXI ...	9	6	6	6	4	2	..	.	
Criminal intimidation, insult and annoyance do XXII...	193	165	165	221	51	170	...	.	
Offences under special and local laws ...	754	489	489	542	203	338	...	1	
Total	2,015	1,510	1,510	2,304	1,215	1,067	5	17	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT 3.—CRIMINAL.

Statement of Miscellaneous Proceedings under the Criminal Procedure Code in the Province of Coorg during 1883.

Nature of Proceedings.	Total number of cases before the Courts during the year.	Number of persons concerned.	Number of persons discharged.	Number of persons convicted.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Frivolous or vexatious complaints summarily dealt with under Chapter XX, Section 250	30	51	...	51	
2. Proceedings against witnesses	...	...	...	...	
3. Forfeiture of bail or recognizance	...	...	...	...	
4. Non-attendance of Jurors or Assessors	...	...	...	...	
5. Contempts of Court	...	...	...	...	
6. Proceedings to prevent breach of the peace	...	...	...	...	
7. Security for good behaviour under Chapter VIII	1	1	...	1	
8. Proceedings against local nuisances, Chapter X	1	1	1	...	
9 Possession	...	...	...	...	
10. Maintenance, Chapter XXXVI	2	2	..	2	
Total	34	55	1	54	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT 4.—CRIMINAL.

Statement showing the General Result of Criminal Trials in the Tribunals of Various Classes in the Province of Coorg in the year 1883.

Class of Courts.	Total number of persons under trial.	Persons whose cases were disposed of—					Persons remaining under trial at the end of the year.	Number of cases disposed of during the year.	Average number of days during which each case lasted.	Number of witnesses examined.	Remarks.
		Died, escaped or transferred to another Province.	Discharged or acquitted.	Convicted.		Committed or referred.					
				On regular trial.	On summary trial.						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Village Officers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Subordinate Magistrates. Special Magistrates under Section 42	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Subordinate Magistrates. Honorary Magistrates sitting singly	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Subordinate Magistrates. Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly.	1,643	3	911	714	...	...	15	1,002	3	3,195	
Subordinate Magistrates. Benches of Magistrates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
District and Divisional Magistrates.—Cases referred under Section 46, C. P. C.	12	...	1	11	...	...	...	11	1	45	
Chief Magistrates of Districts	647	2	291	240	80	32	2	472	2	942	
Court of Sessions.	34	...	12	22	...	...	...	16	22	102	
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	
Total.....	2,336	5	1,215	987	80	32	17	1,501	3	4,284	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT 5.—CRIMINAL.

Statement showing the Punishments inflicted by the various Criminal Tribunals in the Province of Coorg in the year 1883.

Class of Tribunal.	Persons sentenced to—										Detail of Punishment.																
				Imprisonment.							Fine.									Imprisonment.					Whipped.			
	Death.	Transportation.	Penal servitude.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Forfeiture of property.	Fine.	Whipping.	Persons ordered to find or give security or recognizance to keep the peace, or sureties for good behaviour.	Persons imprisoned in default of security for good behaviour.	Rs. 10 and under.	Rs. 50 and under.	Rs. 100 and under.	Rs. 500 and under.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Total amount of fines imposed during the year.	Total amount of fines realized during the year.	Amount paid by way of compensation.	15 days and under.	6 months and under.	2 years and under.	7 years and under.	Above 7 years.	10 stripes and under.	20 stripes and under.	30 stripes and under.	Number of boys whose sentences were commuted to detention in a Reformatory School.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Village Officers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates. Special Magistrates under Section 42 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
Subordinate Magistrates. Honorary Magistrates sitting singly ...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	.	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates. Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly ...	...	...	...	91	28	...	575	...	...	...	512	61	2	..	...	...	3,386 2 3	3,206 12 6	352 5 6	71	48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates. Benches of Magistrates ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	. .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District and Divisional Magistrates—Cases referred under Section 48, C. P. C.	...	..	...	3	...	...	1	7	. .	...		..	1	...	...	...	100 0 0	100 0 0	3 0 0	...	2	1	...	...	3	1	3	..
Chief Magistrates of Districts ...	...	...	...	55	2	...	93	17	...	1	33	51	4	5	...	...	3,584 0 0	2,576 4 0	400 8 0	3	34	20	...	...	4	6	7	...
Court of Sessions	1	2	...	18	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	5	3	1	...	...	770 0 0	489 7 10	29 12 4	...	1	8	9	...	...	...		...
Superior Court (Chief Judge's Court)	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..
Total	1	2	...	167	30	.	678	24	...	1	545	117	10	6	...	...	7,840 2 3	6,372 8 4	875 9 10	74	85	29	9	...	7	7	10	...

JUDICIAL STATEMENT 5 *A*.—Criminal.

Part I.

Statement showing the Particulars of Whipping inflicted by the Criminal Tribunals in Coorg during 1883, *under Sections* 2 *and* 3 *of Act VI of* 1864, *in lieu of other Punishments.*

Offences for which awarded.	Number of stripes awarded.												Total.	Remarks.
	5 and under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25.		26 to 30			
	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
Theft, Section 379, Indian Penal Code	...	...	5	...	8	...	1	...	...	...	5	...	14	
Total.....	...	...	5	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	5	...	14	

Part II.

Statement showing Whipping inflicted in addition to other Punishments, Sections 3 *and* 4, *Act VI of* 1864.

Offences for which awarded.	Number of stripes.						Total.	Remarks.
	5 and under.	6 to 10.	11 to 15.	16 to 20.	21 to 25.	26 to 30		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Theft, Section 379, Indian Penal Code	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	
Total.....	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT.—CRIMINAL.—*Concluded.*

PART III.

Statement showing Whippings inflicted under Section 5, Act VI of 1864, on Juveniles for offences other than those specified in Parts I and II.

Offences.	Stripes.												Total.	Remarks.
	5 and under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25.		26 to 30.			
	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent do.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent do.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent do.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent do.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent do.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent do.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
Voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons, Section 324, Indian Penal Code	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Possession of an altered coin, Section 252, Indian Penal Code ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	
Criminal breach of trust, Section 406, Indian Penal Code ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	
House-breaking, Section 454, Indian Penal Code	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	5	
Total.....	...	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	8	

PART IV.

Statement showing Relative Number of times Whipping was awarded as compared with other Punishments.

Punishments.	Number.	Remarks.
1	2	3
1. Total number of whippings awarded	24	
2. Total number of other punishments	1,043	
Percentage of whippings	2·30	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT 6.—CRIMINAL.

Statement showing the Result of Appeal and Revision in Criminal Cases in the Province of Coorg in the year 1883.

Tribunals.	Number or Persons.											Average number of days during which each appeal lasted	Remarks.
	Total number of appellants and applicants for revision before the Courts.	Died, escaped, transferred to another Province.	Appeals or applications rejected.	Sentence or order confirmed.	Sentence enhanced	Sentence reduced or otherwise altered.	Sentence reversed.	Proceedings quashed.	New trial or further enquiry ordered	Referred for revision to the High Court.	Pending trial.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
APPEALS													
To Divisional Magistrates	1	...	...	...	...	..	1	...	..	...	.	15	
To Chief Magistrate of District	45	...	...	27	...	3	13	...	...	...	2	8	
„ Court of Sessions	11	...	...	7	...	3	1	...	...	...	..	7	
„ Chief Judge's Court — By persons convicted	8	...	...	2	..	3	3	...	...	...	...	18	
„ Chief Judge's Court — By Government from judgments of acquittal	.	..	...		.	...	..	...	...	..	...	..	
Total ..	65	...	..	36	...	9	18	.	..	...	2	...	
REVISION.													
By Chief Magistrate of District	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	..	...	...	
„ Court of Sessions	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	
„ Chief Judge's Court	22	...	...	9	...	2	4	...	3	...	4	8·6	
Total	22	...	...	9	...	2	4	...	3	..	4	8·6	
Grand Total.....	87	...	...	45	...	11	22	...	3	...	6	...	